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SUBJECT: PARAGUAYAN CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY OF
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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED THE EMBASSY JAN 31 THAT THE GOP INTENDS TO NOMINATE A PARAGUAYAN, MS. ISABEL ARRUA VELLEJO, FOR PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN WOMEN'S COMMISSION AT THE XVII ASSEMBLY OF THAT BODY TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 16-27, 1974, AND REQUESTED US SUPPORT FOR ITS NOMINEE. THE EMBASSY HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE USG TO ACCEDE TO THE GOP'S REQUEST FOR OUR COLLABORATION IN ELECTING MS. ARRUA VALLEJO.

2. ACCORDING TO THE CURRICULUM VITAE PROVIDED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, MS. ARRUA VALLEJO IS AN EDUCATOR AND FORMER DIPLOMAT WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN WOMEN'S AFFAIRS SINCE 1950. SHE SERVED AS SECOND CHANCELLOR AND CIVIL ATTACHE AT THE PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY IN RIO DE JANEIRO (1942-48) AND LATER OCCUPIED THE SAME POSTS AT THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (1949-50). SHE FOUNDED THE PARAGUAYAN LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS (1951) AND SERVED SEVERAL TERMS AS PRESIDENT OF THAT ORGANIZATION. SHE HAS BEEN THE PARAGUAYAN DELEGATE TO VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCES, INCLUDING THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONGRESS (MADRID, 1970), THE

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XV ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-AMERICAN WOMEN'S COMMISSION,

AND THE SPECIALIZED INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOR
WOMEN'S INTEGRAL EDUCATION (1972).
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